Focus on Spill Response Assistance



Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Program

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Oil & Hazardous Material Spill Response Assistance

Fire, Law Enforcement, & Public Works Departments

Overview

Ecology provides 24-hour response and technical assistance to fire departments, law enforcement, public works departments, and other public agencies.

Although state law requires spillers to immediately report spills of oil and hazardous materials to Ecology and federal authorities, there are many instances where this does not occur. Because fire departments and other public agencies are first on-scene at a spill incident, these agencies should notify Ecology to ensure the fastest arrival of response resources or technical assistance.

Ecology Assistance

Ecology Spill Responders located in **Bellevue**, **Bellingham**, **Olympia**, **Spokane**, **Vancouver**, **and Yakima** are available 24/7 to respond on-scene to a spill incident or provide technical assistance over the phone. *Local responders and agency representatives can expect a call back from an Ecology Spill Responder within 20 minutes. Ecology can provide assistance with cleaning up and disposing of waste, finding response equipment, and providing a list of available cleanup contractors.*

In addition to oil/petroleum and hazardous material spills, Ecology responds to abandoned drums and pressurized cylinders, spills from unknown sources, fish kills, meth lab dump sites, and other pollution incidents.

If in doubt, give us a SHOUT!

State Division of Emergency Management: (800) 258-5990

Or Ecology Regional Offices

Central Region: (509) 575-2490

Eastern Region: (509) 329-3400

Northwest Region: (425) 649-7000

Southwest Region: (360) 407-6300

MORE INFORMATION

Ecology Regional Offices

Central Region (509) 575-2490

Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan & Yakima counties

Eastern Region (509) 329-3400

Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla & Whitman counties

Northwest Region (425) 649-7000

Island, King, Kitsap, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish & Whatcom counties

Southwest Region (360) 407-6300

Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston & Wahkiakum counties

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Special accommodations

For special accommodations or documents in alternate format, call the Spills Program at (360) 407-7455, 711 (relay service), or 877-833-6341 (TTY).

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